

Shrewsbury Public Library

News and Events

January/February 2006

Rotary Club of Shrewsbury

Letter from the Director

I'd like to share two "good news" items with you in this issue of the newsletter.

The first is that we have had a wonderful response from area businesses and organizations in our request for Sunday sponsorships. You might recall that due to budget cuts, we were faced with the loss of Sunday hours this fiscal year. The Board of Library Trustees felt Sunday service was vitally important. In fact, they had used Library trust funds to cover the expense of Sunday service last fiscal year. Realizing continued use would quickly deplete the resources of those funds, the Board decided to get creative in their effort to sustain this important service. They sent out letters to area businesses and organizations and requested sponsorship support for Sunday hours. The wonderful news is that ten businesses or groups responded with generous donations, and the Sunday season has been restored.

Below is a list of the generous sponsors who "saved the day".

Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin Robbins

6 Sundays

Little Beginnings Children's Center

2 Sundays

Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union

2 Sundays

Central One Federal Credit Union

2 Sundays

Brian Smith/Spectros Associates

1 Sunday

Child Health Associates, PC

1 Sunday

Polito Development Corporation

1 Sunday

Green Dragon Bindery

1 Sunday

1 Sunday

EVA Subscription Services Inc.

1 Sunday

We thank each and every one for helping to maintain this service so popular with adults, students, families and children. We know that the 400 to 500 people who visit each Sunday will celebrate this good news.

A second piece of good news is the recent invitation members of our teen group received to speak at the New England Library Association's (NELA) annual conference held in October at the Worcester DCU Center. The teen group (called SPLAT- for the Shrewsbury Public Library Advisory Team) was invited to speak to NELA members on ways that teens use the library and how they can influence the design and development of services for teens. Geoff Sokolowski, Julie Fialho and Laura Doyle joined our Young Adult Librarian, Sarah Sogigian, to talk about the activities of SPLAT. They described the ways that SPLAT works to shape library programs, collections and services in a way that will best serve Shrewsbury teens. The teens and Sarah were wearing t-shirts with the new SPLAT logo, and word is that they impressed everyone who attended.



We are very proud of these teens and Sarah for setting a great example of user driven program design, and for doing such a great job speaking to New England Librarians.

Such great news to start the New Year!

Sincerely,
Ellen M. Dolan
Library Director

Children's Programs

Turning Pages Together: A Book Discussion for Children and Adult Partners in Grade 2 and up. Held the Last Monday of the Month.

January 30th, 6 – 7 pm.

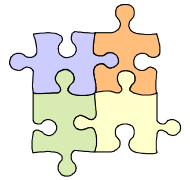
Registration starts January 3 for the discussion on January 30th. Come in anytime after January 3 to pick up your copy of the book. We will be reading *Babe: the Gallant Pig* by Dick King-Smith.

February 27th, 6 – 7 pm.

Registration for February starts January 30 for the discussion on February 27th. Come in anytime after January 30 to pick up your copy of the book. We will be reading *Half Magic* by Edward Eager.

Puzzle of the Month Club – Strain Your Brain Make and Do!

Come and do, then make your own. Second Monday of the Month
For Grade 3 and up.



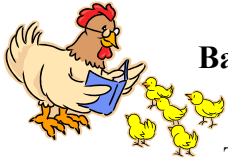
January 9th, 6 – 7 pm

Registration ends: January 6
In January we will be working on jigsaw puzzles.

February 13th, 6-7 pm.

Registration ends: February 10
In February we will challenge and conquer Logic puzzles.

Storytimes



Baby & Me (Birth – 2 ½ years)

Session 3 - Space is limited. *Lottery held January 3 – 10*

Tuesdays, January 17, 24, 31, & February 7 at 10:15 a.m.

Session 4 – Space is limited. *Lottery held February 15 – 24*

Tuesdays, March 14, 21, 28 & April 4 at 10:15 a.m.

Session 5 - Space is limited. *Lottery held April 3 – 13*

Tuesdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16 at 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (2 ½ -6 years)

No registration required --- *just drop in.*

Session 1 – Thursdays, January 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 at 10:15

Session 2 – Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 at 10:15

Lunch Bunch Storytime (Birth – Kindergarten) at 11:00 a.m.

No registration required---*just drop in at 11:00 a.m. on any of the following dates.* Bring a lunch and a blanket. Listen to some favorite stories. Appropriate for children through Kindergarten with an accompanying adult.

Wed. Jan 25

Tues. Feb 28

Wed. March 29

Wed. April 12

Tues. May 23

Special Programs

Celebrate the Birthdays of Two Great Americans Tuesday, January 17 at 2:30

Come to the library to celebrate the birthdays of Martin Luther King Jr. and Benjamin Franklin. Learn a little about each man, make a craft, and have a piece of birthday cake. Space is limited. *Register anytime until Friday, January 13.*



Chinese New Year Tuesday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Make a special craft to celebrate the Chinese New Year which begins Jan 29th. Space is limited. *Register anytime until Friday, Jan 20*

Groundhog Day Thursday, February 2 at 10:15 a.m. – For ages 2 ½ - 6.

Come to the library, listen to some stories, and make a craft to celebrate Groundhog Day. Space is limited. *Register anytime until Thursday, January 26th.*

Valentines for Vets Tuesday, February 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Create a special valentine for our veterans. Make a second valentine to take home. Space is limited. *Register anytime until Tuesday, Jan. 31st.*

CHILDREN'S PAGE CONTINUED.....



February Vacation Activities

Vikings and "Viqueens"

Tuesday, February 21 – Come to the library to get your Viking log book. "Pillage" your house with our own special Scavenger Hunt. Return with either of these home activities completed and receive a prize.

Wednesday, February 22 at 2:30- Learn about the Vikings. Then make your own Viking artifacts. Space is limited. ***Please register by February 10th.***

Thursday, February 23 at 2:30 – Make Thor's Lucky Hammer necklace to protect you from bad luck. Try writing in Runes. Space is limited. ***Please register by February 10th.***

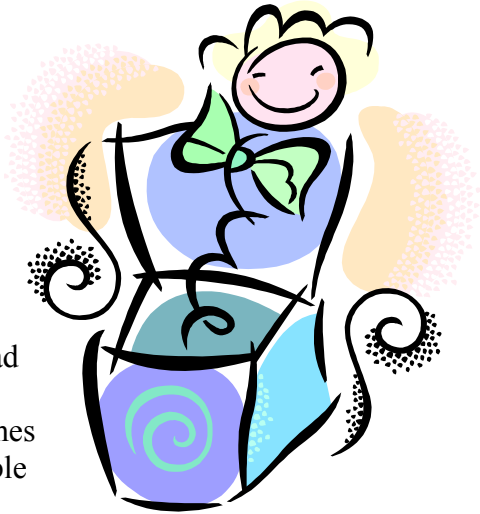
Friday, February 24th at 2:30 – Afternoon at the Movies. ***No registration necessary.***

Rediscover Your Library

FROM THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

We wish to welcome you to our "re-energized" library newsletter and this new column titled "Rediscover Your Library" As part of an effort to inform residents of all the great programs and services available at the library, we've made some changes to the library newsletter schedule and processing. You'll now receive the newsletter mailed to your home four times per year. (We've taken advantage of some bulk mailing privileges available to educational institutions like libraries). The label on your newsletter will no longer be personalized with your name, it will merely read "resident customer." Although much less personal, the savings we'll see through this type of mailing will allow us to send the newsletter out four times per year instead of once a year as we've done in the past- all at a considerable savings!

Distributing the newsletter more widely is just a first step in our plan to help residents "Rediscover Your Library". In the coming issues, you'll find all kinds of information about library programs, services, projects and associations. Sometimes staff members will write the articles, other times we'll invite a patron, Friends of the Library members or others associated with the library to submit articles. Column authors will vary, but the goal will be the same: to let you know all about what the library offers today. The library has changed a lot over the years, and it's hard to keep informed of all the developments. In future issues, look to this column to discover or rediscover all the riches the library has to offer.



Adult Programs

Computer Classes at the

Library: Sign up for the computer class that meets your needs & skill levels.



Monday, Jan. 9 (2:30 pm): Computer Comfort

Wednesday, Jan. 11 (2:30 pm): Internet Introduction

Friday, Jan. 13 (2:30 pm): Internet Searching I

Friday, Jan. 20 (2:30 pm): Internet Searching II

Tuesday, Feb. 7 (2:30 pm): Word Processing I

Tuesday, Feb. 14 (2:30 pm): Word Processing II

Tuesday, Feb. 21 (2:30 pm): Word Processing III

Thursday, Feb. 9 (2:30 pm): Internet Searching I

Thursday, Feb. 16 (2:30 pm): Internet Searching II

Call 508-842-0081 x 3 to sign up, or for more information. Pre-registration highly recommended.

Eclectic Browsers Book Group

January 26 10:30 am

Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose

February 23 10:30 am

This Side of Paradise by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Science Fiction Book Chats: Join us the first Wednesday of each month to discuss some SciFi Favorites.

January 4 7:00 pm

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

February 1 7:00 pm

Who Goes There? by John W. Campbell

Ending Smoking through Hypnosis

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006 7:30 pm

Certified hypnotist Dan Candell will help you kick the smoking habit. Applicable also for other addictive behaviors.

Knit Night at the Library 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 10, and Wednesday, Feb. 22

Bring your own yarn and needles; we'll provide pattern books and coffee!

Robert E. Howard Film & Biography

Program January 22, 2006 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Mark the 100th anniversary of author Robert Howard's birth (1906 – 1936) with a film and discussion program. Popular during the 1920s & 30s, Howard wrote men's adventure stories for the pulps. A bit "politically incorrect" today, his stories dealt with characters who were masters of their own destinies. A prevalent theme in his writing is how people can achieve greatness through dedication to hard work. Join us for a discussion of the author's life in the first hour & a showing of the film "Conan the Barbarian" (R rated), to begin at about 2:00p.m.

Shrewsbury Genealogy Club Meetings

Mondays, Jan. 23, & Feb. 27, 2006 7:30 pm

Whether you're an experienced genealogy researcher or a new starter-upper, join us for our monthly meetings and learn more about "doing" genealogy and family history.

Gustavus Vasa Fox Time Capsule Discovery

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 7:30 pm

When Aharon "Gerry" Aharonian was 13, he discovered a time capsule on the banks of the Merrimack River in Lowell, that had been placed there by Gustavus when he was 13 years old! Gustavus Fox was born in Saugus and later served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in the Lincoln Administration. Teens and adults will enjoy hearing Gerry Aharonian tell the interesting story of his discovery.

Tips and Techniques for Finding a Job

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006 7:30 pm

Dr. Larry Linden, professional employment counselor, shares valuable insight into the daunting process of finding a job in a tough market. Pre-registration is encouraged. Call 508-842-0081 to register.

A Winter Sky Watch *Date to be determined.*

Join Bruce Card, Jr., and Jim Zebrowski for a winter sky watch, followed by hot chocolate at the Library! The actual date will depend on weather conditions; we'll announce the day and time closer to the event.



Young Adult Stuff



TAGS is now SPLAT!

The Teen Advisory Group has changed its name to SPLAT! (Shrewsbury Public Library Advisory Team). Help us plan programs *you* want to attend, pick materials *you* want to see in the library, and hang out with other teens. In

short, this is a group all about what *you* want. To join, fill out an application available at the front desk or at <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/eventsya.asp>. We'll contact you when we have our next meeting!

Teen Book Chats

Book chats for teens are now being planned, but we need your help! What books should we read? What time should we meet? Let us know! Contact Sarah at 508-842-0081 x5 or at ssogigia@cwmar.org.

HeroClix Group

Wednesday January 4 and 11, February 8 and 22 at 4:00 pm

Drop in and join our new HeroClix group. Bring your own playing pieces or just show up. For experts and beginners. Call Sarah at 508-842-0081 x3 for more information. This program is limited to students in grades 6-12 ONLY. To encourage participation, younger/older students will not be allowed to attend.



Make Your Own Memory Board Tuesday, January 17 at 2:30 PM (no school)

What's a memory board? It's a place to hang pics and other mementos. Using fabric, foam core, and ribbons create a memory board that's custom made for YOU. Registration is necessary and can be done by calling 508-842-0081 x3.

Registration closes at 5 PM on Thursday, January 12. There will be a small cost to cover supplies.

Basket Raffle Success!

Our basket raffle was a HUGE success! We've raised over \$1,000.00 for teen programming. Special thanks to our sponsors and congrats to the winners!!



Shrewsbury Teens asked to participate in Advanced Books Program

Advanced books are copies of books that will be released in the future. Publishers give away advanced copies (sometimes with spelling mistakes) to create buzz for the titles. Stop in the YA room and pick up an advanced copy, read it and let us know what you think.

*ALL Young Adult Programs are for students in **grades 5-12** unless otherwise noted. To encourage participation in Young Adult programs, these programs are limited to students in grades 5-12.*

*Older or Younger children **WILL NOT** be admitted. Thank you for your cooperation.*

Non-Profit Organization
US Postage Paid
Permit # 78
Shrewsbury MA 01545

ECRWSS
Resident Customer
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Hours for the Winter Season
Mon-Wed 10 am – 9 pm
Thurs- Sat 9 am-5 pm
Sun 1 – 5 pm

Contact Information
Phone 508-842-0081
Fax 508-841-8540
TTY 508-841-8530
www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library